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SUBJECT: BULGARIA SIGNS NEW ECONOMIC AGREEMENTS WITH NORTH
VIETNAM

1. RETURNING FROM HANOI MARCH 3, BULGARIAN DEPUTY
CHAIRMAN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MAKO DAKOV, PROVIDED
INTERVIEW ON RESULTS OF JOINT SESSION OF BULGARIAN-
VIETNAMESE ECONOMIC COMMISSION.

2. ACCORDING TO DAKOV THREE AGREEMENTS SIGNED: OUT-
LINE OF ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION THROUGH
1980, TRADE AND PAYMENTS AGREEMENT FOR 1975, AND
AGREEMENT ON SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL EXCHANGES. BULGARIA
HAS AGREED TO ASSIST IN DEVELOPMENT OF COPPER INDUSTRY
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AND WILL DESIGN AND FURNISH NECESSARY EQUIPMENT FOR

COPPER EXPLOITATION, AS WELL AS PARTICIPATION IN "MULTILATERAL EXPLOITATION OF BAUXITE RESERVES IN DRV." BULGARIA WILL ALSO PROVIDE ELECTRIC TRUCKS AND HOISTS IN RETURN FOR WHICH VIETNAMESE TO CONSTRUCT FACILITIES FOR PRODUCTION OF MOTORS TO BE USED BY BULGARIAN ELECTRIC TRUCK INDUSTRY. OTHER AGREEMENTS REACHED IN REFRIGERATION, PHARMACEUTICALS, AND AGRICULTURE.

2. TRADE AGREEMENT FOR 1975 CALLS FOR TOTAL TRADE OF 6 MILLION RUBLES.

3. BULGARIA AGREED TO ACCEPT 2000 VIETNAMESE THROUGH 1980 FOR "TRAINING AND EDUCATION, PRIMARILY IN HIGHER INSTITUTES OF METALLURGY."

4. COMMENT: ACCORDING TO DAKOV THESE AGREEMENTS HAVE SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE SINCE ECONOMIC COOPERATION NOW MOVING TO "NEW STAGE OF COOPERATION". THIS, HE CONTINUED, IS SHIFT FROM PREVIOUS RELATIONSHIP OF BULGARIA PROVIDING "ALL ROUND ASSISTANCE." WE PRESUME THAT DAKOV MEANS THAT NORTH VIETNAM IS NOW EXPECTED TO PAY FOR "ASSISTANCE. IN THE PAST BULGARIA HAS FOOTED THE BILL, HAVING CANCELLED ALL DEBTS FOLLOWING PARIS PEACE AGREEMENT.
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